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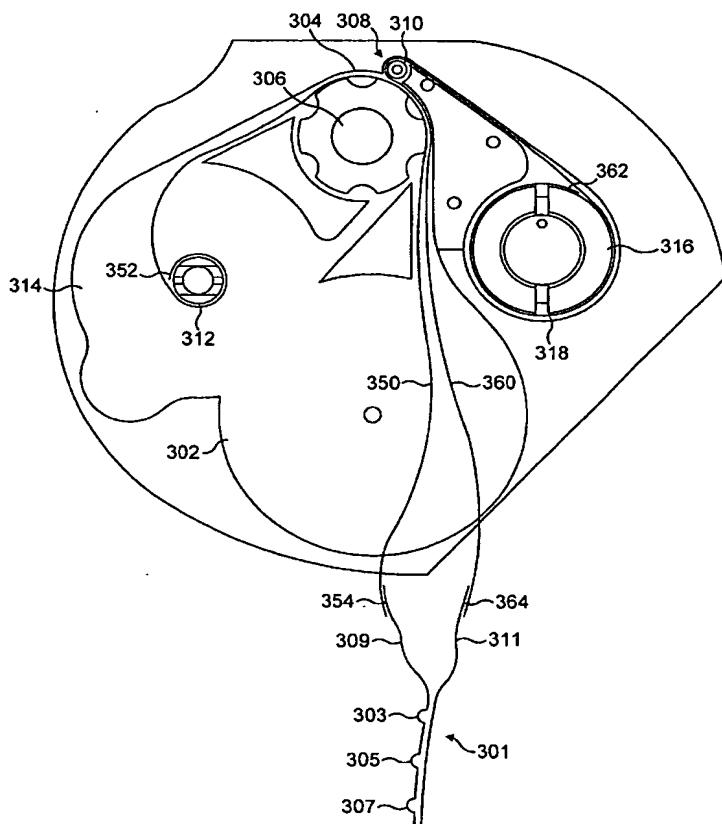
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR LOADING A MEDICAMENT DISPENSER WITH A MEDICAMENT CARRIER



(57) Abstract: There is provided a method of load-  
ing a housing for a medicament dispenser with a  
medicament carrier. The carrier has the form of an  
elongate strip and has multiple distinct medicament  
doses carried thereby. The carrier is particularly in  
the form of a peelable blister strip. In one aspect,  
the method comprises the steps of loading the hous-  
ing with at least one leader in the form of an elon-  
gate strip such that a leading end of said at least one  
leader is drivably anchored within the housing and  
a trailing end of the at least one leader protrudes  
from the housing; fixing a first end of the medica-  
ment carrier to the trailing end of the at least one  
leader; and drivably moving the leading end of the  
leader such that the medicament carrier is moved  
into the housing.

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A method for loading a housing for a medicament dispenser with a medicament carrier and drivably moving the medicament carrier into the housing by means of a leader and a housing for a medicament dispenser and for the method

2. Claims: 30-32

A method for making a pre-assembly and a pre-assembly obtained by the method

3. Claims: 35-39

A method for coiling a medicament carrier and a coiled medicament carrier obtained by the method

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